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ASPENWOOD ESTATES

Silver St. zoning change backed

By Peter Spotts
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City Council to hold hearing on planned subdivision

The public hearing for the proposed Aspenwood Estates housing development off Silver Street is proceeding to the City Council with a positive Planning Board recommendation.

Planning Board Chairman Mark Paleologopoulos said that having the parcel remain split between industrial and residential, instead of all residential, could be harmful to

the development as a whole.

"The board felt that a split-zoned development would result in poor neighborhood quality," Paleologopoulos said. "We have reviewed this proposal multiple times and I'm sure the definitive plan will get even more scrutiny. The proponent is professional and has been accommodating with our concerns, as well as Conservation [Commission]'s. As far

as the zone change goes, it's not out of the ordinary."

Developer Kirk MacNaughton is proposing a new subdivision road starting at Silver Street and running parallel to Doane Avenue for about 2,000 feet before merging into it at the current cul-de-sac. The side of the street closer to Doane Avenue

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Where there's smoke



At the end of last month's Phelps PTO Fun Run Color-athon at School Street Park, all the participants threw the remaining bags of color powder into the air together to make a colorful cloud. The dye is made of cornstarch and FDA-approved coloring. More photos on page 8. PHOTO BY ADRIANNE JOHNSON

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Land questions hold up ECC planning

By Mike Lydick
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Location, location, location. That real estate catchphrase for desirable property is the challenge facing the school district as it seeks to find a new home for the aging Early Childhood Center (ECC).

Finding a site owned by the town or acquiring privately owned land is the first step in the process to build a new ECC. Until a suitable site is found, the project can't move forward with a schematic design.

That design will provide a more accurate estimate

of what a new ECC will actually cost. The price tag for a new ECC is currently estimated to be between \$10 and \$13 million.

"We need to move on a new ECC as soon as possible," said Superintendent of Schools Steve Lemanski at a Preschool Building Committee meeting last week.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of three sites under consideration: the former Cincotta Farm on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills and two town-owned parcels adjacent to Robinson Park School. Each site has



This architectural drawing shows one of the two sites at Robinson Park School being considered for a new Early Childhood Center. The proposed preschool is at the top left, in red, with proposed kindergarten classrooms that could be added later on the right. In the lower right is RPS.

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ELECTION 2018



Virginia Gruska and Elaine Carlson team up for early voting hours at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, Oct. 29. This dynamic duo will be checking in voters on election day at the Robinson Park School. For more about Carlson and what it's like to work the polls, see this week's Q & A on page 2. PHOTO BY PETER SPOTTS

They're ready for your vote

By Michael Ballway
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Polls will be open in Agawam from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. next Tuesday for the state election. All registered voters who did not participate in absentee voting or early voting can show up at their town's polling place and cast a ballot on Nov. 6.

Any registered voter in town can also take advantage of the last day of early voting from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam. The voting locations on Election Day itself are the usual precinct polls around town.

In addition to high-profile statewide races for governor and U.S. senator, Agawam and Feeding Hills voters will also help decide a state representative contest, other statewide and regional offices, and three

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MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Town celebrates its many cultures

By Peter Spotts
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Celebrate the dozens of cultures that make Agawam the city it is with the Multicultural Fair on Friday, Nov. 2.

Mmuye Alkan immigrated to the United States in 2004 with no knowledge of the English language and all of her friends and family left behind in Turkey. An Agawam resident since 2011, Alkan uses her personal experiences to find new opportunities and connect with fellow community members from other countries, including helping recruit families to come out for the festival on Friday.

"When I came here, I felt very alone. I don't speak any English, I can't work, it was

Know to go

What: Agawam Multicultural Fair
Where: Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.
When: 6-8 p.m. next Friday, Nov. 2
Cost: Free

a really hard time," Alkan said. "Whoever moves here, I don't want them to get that feeling. I want them to feel comfortable. I understand now who's here new. I want to help them not feel lonely.

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CORRECTION

Because of an editing error, incorrect biographical information about Hampden County register of deeds candidate Cheryl Coakley-Rivera was included in the "Meet the Candidates" feature on page 6 of last week's Agawam Advertiser News. Coakley-Rivera did not provide information about her family; the family members listed in last week's newspaper were those of a different candidate for a separate office. That section should have been left blank.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

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Q & AGAWAM

Who's got your vote? The local poll worker

By Peter Spotts
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When Agawam and Feeding Hills residents go to the polls on Tuesday, some of their neighbors will already be there. Candidates aren't the only ones hard at work on Election Day — there's also a dedicated corps of poll workers who keep the process running smoothly. Elaine Carlson is one of them.

Q: How did you get involved with working at the polls?

A: My next-door neighbor was Judy Beauregard, who was the assistant clerk. They needed people and it was easy to ask me because I live next door, she didn't have to go running around. They always need people.

Q: Are there shifts during poll hours or are you here the full time?

A: We're here the full time. [Virginia Gruska and I] like to work together. This team happens to work together; other people will do it differently.

Q: Does it ever get boring, like when there are slow times with no voters around?

A: On poll day especially. On a 14-hour day it gets boring, but there's more people [working], so we can make more trouble. I love the group at Robinson. I hated working 14-hour days because we really liked the group and felt like we let them down by leaving, but those days get very, very long. They really should be divided into two shifts. The busier it



Poll worker Elaine Carlson checks the Agawam voter list during early voting at the Senior Center this week. She will be at the Robinson Park School polls — Precinct 1 — on Election Day. PHOTO BY PETER SPOTTS

is, the more fun it is.

Q: A 14-hour day? That's a long time to be at the polls.

A: What Virginia and I have started on Election Day is she goes in the morning, and I go in the afternoon. She's a morning person, I'm a night person. So that day we don't work together, that's the only time we don't work together anymore. It's nice having a split thing like that.

Q: Do you have any crazy election stories?

A: The time that I found was interesting was when the governor said if you moved to Southwick, but hadn't registered yet in Southwick, but you hadn't unregistered in Agawam and [you could] vote in Agawam. People were coming that had moved to Southwick 10 years ago. It's like, "Hello, that wasn't the purpose of this rule." It was just for that particular election for some overlap and you had people coming that had lived in Southwick for 10 years who hadn't registered.

Q: What are your thoughts on early voting?

A: I really think that early voting is ridiculous. I think if you really want people to vote you should have voting day on Saturday, so people can vote. If for some reason people can't come Saturday because people still work on Saturday, then have Thursday night open or something. You don't need to have 10 days of early voting.

Q: Does working at the polls make you feel more connected to the democratic process or more patriotic, in a sense?

A: Yeah, because I really believe people should vote. I have a brother who votes exactly 100 percent the opposite of me, but he doesn't go to the polls. It's like, Come on, you live here, you're supposed to voice your opinion. People don't care because they don't think their vote matters. The problem is the only thing that matters is your vote. If you don't go and vote, nothing will change.

Q: Is there anything about voting that poll workers know that would surprise voters?

A: What happens to these [early voting] ballots once you fill them out and put them in these enve-

Elaine Carlson

Job: Poll worker for "a long time" at Robinson Park School; resident comedian

Background: Agawam resident for 25 years
Favorite thing about Agawam: "My neighbors. I like my neighbors. They're friendly. They're not people who run back and forth, but if you need them, they're there."

lopes. They go to Town Hall and they're put in a safe, under lock and key, until voting day. Ballots are never unattended. They'll stay there until voting day [when they get transported to the proper precinct to be run through the machine]. There is checks on everything. There's no stuffing the ballot box. I like "Vote early, vote often," but it doesn't work.

Q: Do you work when not at the polls or are you retired?

A: I'm retired, but I'm usually here [at the Senior Center] anyway. This is home away from home. I retired from MassMutual.

Q: What do you like about the Senior Center that keeps you coming back?

A: Since I've come here I've learned mah-jongg, dominoes, pool — pool is my favorite. I like the Senior Center because I learn new things I never knew. I absolutely love pool and never saw pool before in my life.

Q: Do you have any final words or thoughts for Agawam residents?

A: Vote. Vote. Get out and vote. I watched that movie about women trying to get the right to vote. Honest to god, after that, if you're a woman and you don't vote there's something wrong with you. What people went through to give you that right, it's a crime not to vote.

Whom should we interview next? Who has an interesting job, hobby, or story to tell in Agawam and Feeding Hills? Suggest a "Q & Agawam" subject by emailing mballway@turley.com.

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Officer sworn in



A swearing-in ceremony took place at Agawam Town Hall on Monday, Oct. 22, for Special Police Officer Joshua Sheehan. Among those in attendance were, from left, Mayor William Sapelli, Sheehan and Police Chief Eric Gillis. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sacred Heart offers flu clinic

Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a flu clinic and information session after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 4.

There will a short talk on how to help prevent colds and flu. Those attending should bring their insurance information. For more information, call Pastoral Minister Deb Briancesco, RN, at 413-786-8200, ext. 3.

The flu clinic will be in the Sacred Heart Parish Center at 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

All welcome at F.H. Church this week

Feeding Hills Congregational Church is an open and affirming congregation. All are welcome.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, the Rev. Rob Donaldson's sermon is titled "From Goats to Checks, From Tithes to Gratitude." Children from nursery age through grade 6 are welcome to move off to child care or into Sunday School.

Mimi Andrews is scheduled to serve as lector, the person who reads scripture. After worship, the pastor will be available for informal conversation.

Tammy Ryan, who has been attending services regularly for several months, has decided to join the congregation, publicly claiming a commitment to God through the life of this little church.

Yoga is offered on Mondays in the hall starting at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the church hosts AA group meetings starting at 7 p.m. Rev. Donaldson offers a book study on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at Starbuck's in Westfield. The current book is John Shelby Spong's "Liberating the Gospels." Choir rehearsal is held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Parish Association will meet at the church hall from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The church is at 21 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-5061, visit www.fhc-cucc.org or search for the church on Facebook.com.

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Donations sought for Bizarre Bazaar

Anyone with unused cards or decorations they don't want, or too many cookie cutters cluttering the cabinets, is welcome to drop off their extra holiday stuff and shop (free of charge) for something new in the Agawam Public Library's Bizarre Bazaar.

Donations will be accepted Nov. 1-10 only. Donations must come from a non-smoking home and be clean and in working condition. Items must be dropped off in their original packaging or clear zippered bags. Suggested items include holiday ornaments, tree skirts, flags, wreaths, menorahs, inflatables, bows, gift bags, collectibles, cookie cutters, gift wrap, stockings, trees under 5 feet, dishes, or lights new in packaging.

The Bizarre Bazaar will be open for free "shopping" 3-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Shopping bags will be provided. Shoppers may fill one bag per day for free. Shoppers need not have donated.

For more information, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 8865. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Robotics team collects for Mayflower drive

Agawam High School's Rosie Robotics will again be collecting non-perishable food items in support of the Mayflower Marathon hosted held each year by radio hosts Bax and O'Brien. Over the last 12-plus years, team members have collected an estimated \$15,000 worth of food for this fundraiser.

The team is expanding collection sites from just AHS to several locations around town. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at the Java Stop, 1226 Springfield St., Feeding Hills; Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St.; Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St.; and the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The blue collection bins are available through Nov. 19.

DPW utility connections deadline next week

The Department of Public Works has announced that Friday, Nov. 9, will be the last day to apply for road opening permits and for the installation of water, sewer or drain connections that have to be installed by the town. All connections applied for after Nov. 9 will be installed next spring.

This notice does not apply to connections which have been previously installed to the property line of an existing property.

Experts will show how to prep for big storm

The Agawam Public Library will host "One Week to Prepare: 10 Steps to Take When the Storm is Bearing Down" presented by Kathy Harrison with Agawam Emergency Management Director Chet Nicora, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Harrison will offer a 10-step plan for preparing for a major storm, including how to secure shelter, accessing information and what to include in a preparedness notebook. Harrison is writer, blogger, homesteader and country living skills teacher.

Nicora will be on hand to make sure participants are familiar with Agawam's EM Emergency Notification system, Code Red, EM Hot Line, approved Red Cross shelters and discuss what is done at the Agawam Emergency Management Office.

For more information, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org. This event is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Time to be counted at ballot box

It is, to be blunt, time to put up or shut up when it comes to one's political stance on a variety of issues. For next week, on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6 — or earlier for those who choose to vote early — will be the moment where it all comes to a head, and when all the strongly held and expressed views can actually matter in the direction our state and country are heading.

When voters in Agawam head to the polls next week, they will decide contests for a variety of posts, including U.S. senator, governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, governor's councilor, state representative and Hampden County register of deeds. Through all the rhetoric and claims and counter-claims during a campaign, it is the voter that decides who has made a convincing case and whose record stands above that of his or her peers.

And that's not all. Voters will have a chance to weigh in on some significant questions related to transgender rights, healthcare and the free speech rights — or undue influence in politics — of corporations.

Hotly debated in letters, social media posts, not to mention on lawn signs and expensive advertising campaigns throughout the region, the fate of a proposal to establish a government-mandated nurse-to-patient ratio in hospitals statewide hangs in the balance. Supporters of the ratios call them a necessary safeguard for nurses and for patient health. The other side calls it government intrusion and micromanagement of hospitals' staffing decisions.

While it could be largely a ceremonial gesture, voters across the commonwealth have the opportunity to create a public commission to petition for a federal constitutional amendment to overturn the controversial Citizens United decision, which classified corporate political campaign donations as free speech. Proponents point to the corrupting influence of big money in politics. Opponents say this is a matter of free speech and freedom of association.

The final ballot question would confirm or overturn a 2016 state law prohibiting discrimination on grounds of gender identity. Those who oppose the law (voting "no" on Question 3) say it would allow sex offenders to gain access to opposite-sex bathrooms and locker rooms. Those who support the law (voting "yes" on Question 3) say it represents an important confirmation of the basic human rights of transgender individuals.

In all three questions — and in the battle of governing philosophies at the heart of the legislative and executive races on the ballot — what's really being asked is what principles and outcomes matter to us; what we feel strongly about. Judging by the plethora of signs that dot the landscape as the final ballot count approaches, many have firmly held beliefs on these matters. Any given day on social media, in newspapers and in conversation, we see and hear ample evidence that those firm beliefs are with us every day. But it's not every day we can actually do something other than complain.

Now is the time for action. Cast a ballot on Tuesday, if you haven't already. If you don't — then don't complain.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.



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Letters to the Editor

Restored Center Library would be perfect for town archive

It was a wise decision by the City Council to renovate the Center Library on Main Street. That library is a jewel in Agawam that has long been ignored. I believe this is an excellent place for an Agawam archive, a place where we can bring together documents, books, pictures, artifacts, videos,

films, maps, etc., preserving the rich history of the town that would be open to the people of Agawam.

This would be a commitment that cannot be accomplished quickly, but without an archive many historical events will continue to be lost, including sports events and political ones. They

cannot be adequately saved in boxes, drawers, basements or oral memory. Why not open to the public for ideas to properly save and preserve our town's history. I'm sending you mine.

Teresa Kozloski
Agawam

Thanks to all at tasting for Capt. Charles Leonard House

The Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House would like to thank everyone who braved the cold and windy October evening and joined us for our eighth annual Beer and Wine Tasting fundraiser event. McCarthy's Liquors owner John McCarthy has generously donated all proceeds towards the operation and maintenance of this beautiful historical landmark.

John McCarthy and McCarthy's Liquors store manager Ryan

Rooney put together a group of 34 vendors offering samplings of their beers and wines, served along with plentiful hors d'oeuvres prepared by Laura and her staff at Agawam's Main Street Grille. TNT Tents provided an excellent enclosed space for the event to be enjoyed in warmth and comfort. The dedicated efforts put in by all of our volunteers, the trustees, and Leonard House host Josh Kimball brought the evening together and helped to create a memorable

night for our guests.

Local beer and wine distributors, breweries and area businesses like Sarat Ford of Agawam, and the members of our local West of the River Chamber made generous donations of cash and prizes for the ever-popular raffle held at the end of the evening. Thank you to all, and hope to see you next year.

Leonard House Trustees
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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Agawam influences the World Series

Did you watch game 3 of the World Series? I slept through some but heard in the 14th inning that the record for the longest game in World Series history had been broken. So I guess in the 15th inning, the record got broken again. Again in the 16th, again in the 17th and finally once more when the 18th began. I woke up again at 3:30 a.m. to see the winning walk-off homer by Dodger player Max Muncy. Red Sox reliever Nathan Eovaldi got beaten on his 97th pitch.

With all this in mind, how do you think it is possible that the outcome to this game has anything to do with Agawam? Very simply. The Dodgers tied the game back in the 13th inning when Max Muncy scored on a bad throw to first by Ian Kinsler. Dodger Max Muncy had started the inning with a walk on a check swing. The Sox appealed to the third base umpire to call it

a swing and strike three, but umpire Jim Reynolds IV, son of Agawam High graduate Jim Reynolds III '59, gave the safe sign signal and Muncy trotted to first. Red Sox manager Alex Cora and the Sox bench players were very unhappy with the call, which unfortunately for the Sox could not be appealed like the out and safe calls on the bases. The result of that call by Reynolds was a record-breaking game and a loss by the Red Sox.

Jim was scheduled to be behind home plate for game 6, according to Jim's cousin Gay (Reynolds) Paluch '58, who recently was at Crestview Country Club for her 60th AHS reunion. But the Red Sox won the World Series in game 5. The Dodgers' first batter hit a home run and they never scored another run. It was the first pitch, so that record can never be broken. Who would want to? Congratulations Red Sox!



Walt Willard



Coach Richard Pratte



Leonard Charest

The '57 Brownies football team was recently inducted into the Agawam High School Athletic Hall of Fame. All the team players were listed, even manager Charlie Gibson. Harry Leonard was the head coach and was assisted by Richard Pratte. After the banquet, I called Charlie Gibson to see if he had a number for Coach Pratte. It took a day or two but I finally got a number. Unfortunately, the number I got was no longer in service, so it was time to call computer guru John Trzcinski. He was able to get me the phone number of coach Pratte's daughter, Diane Patterson, which I passed on to

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IN DAYS PAST

The streets where we live

By Jarl Johnson

Many towns have a North Street or a West Street, but not many towns have a North West Street or a South West Street, as Agawam does. Are you confused?

Of course the original street designation for any town was the farthest street to the north, or the farthest street to the west. That once made sense for travelers trying to find their way around on foot or by horseback.

In the 1800s mail was picked up at the local market, when families shopped for their provisions. Mail was vital for businesses and family farms. A section of the store was set aside for the town post office. Today, the antique display in our Feeding Hills Post Office building says, "Established 1808." Home delivery of mail did not come until the late 1800s. Rural Free Delivery (RFD) started in 1896. Soon after, rural farms and houses were required to have mailboxes just like the city folk.

I remember the Post Office shop display in the 1930s, when I was in fifth grade. The Post Office was in a store on Westfield Street, across from the shoemaker's shop and near the old Feeding Hills Center School (since removed). It was a short walk from school and we went there to buy penny candy. The postmaster's name was Mr. Clarey, a sandy-haired gen-



The 1808 postal window on display at the Feeding Hills Post Office dates back to a bygone era in rural mail delivery. SUBMITTED PHOTO

tleman with a large mustache.

At that time, our mail was delivered by Mr. Clark from his car, six days a week. The street is nearly five miles long and houses did not have any numbers. In some areas there were many repetitive family names, often family relations. Mailman Clark, who lived on Westfield Street, knew everyone in the area, including the names of the children, aunts and uncles. Still, he could get confused. If there was a mistaken delivery, he counted on the recipient to leave the envelope or hand-deliver it to the proper person up the road. Everyone knew their neighbors, and it could be an opportunity to open a conversation, or even to get some gossip.

By the middle of the

20th century, Congress and the postmaster general recognized that there were mail delivery problems. Improvements started to be made across the country, including in Agawam.

For instance, in Feeding Hills, the former West Street was split at Southwick Street to create new street names of North West Street and South West Street. Not long after that, numbers were given to our houses, which really solved the mailman's struggles.

Sometimes I wonder why it took so long. But I will always remember buying penny candy from our local postmaster.

Jarl Johnson is a long time resident of Feeding Hills and is working on a collection of stories of his early experiences.

Our Back Pages

From yesteryear's editions of the Agawam Advertiser News, compiled by Michael Ballway.

A year ago: William Sapelli was elected mayor of Agawam on Nov. 7, 2017, the longtime educator in town winning a convincing victory over City Council President James Cichetti, taking 69 percent of the vote in a two-way race. Surrounded by supporters at a victory rally that night, Sapelli promised he would be courteous, professional and effective as mayor.

Five years ago: With no opponent on the ballot, Richard Cohen skated to re-election as turnout dipped to 27 percent on Nov. 5, 2013. Also on the ballot, Agawam

voters rejected a proposal to extend the length of mayoral, City Council and School Committee terms; newcomers Anthony Suffriti and Carmine Mineo joined the council and school board, respectively; and Donald Humason Jr. won his first (partial) term in the state Senate. **Ten years ago:** State Rep. Rosemary Sandlin won a narrow re-election victory over challenger Nicholas Boldyga, with 52 percent of the vote, on Nov. 4, 2008, though her margin in Agawam was wider. Sandlin cited traffic safety improvements to the South End Bridge rotary, Feeding Hills Center and Morgan-Sullivan Bridge as priorities for the coming term. Boldyga would go on to win a rematch in 2010.

WILLARD

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Len Charest. Lenny was only a sophomore on the '57 team. In his senior year he won the trophy for lineman of the year, the trophy presented to him at the banquet by Chicago Bears player Roger Leclerc, an AHS '54 graduate. Len had a good talk with Coach Pratte, who is now 89 years old. Coach Pratte walks a mile every day and writes letters to his local editor several times a year. His home is in Flag-

staff, Ariz., a few miles from his daughter Diane.

Many of us who went to AHS in the late '50s and early '60s remember Mr. Pratte as an amazingly interesting history teacher that we '63s figured out would be teaching college someday. He did that, and I will call him someday to hear more about his last 50 years. His '57 players respected him very much as both a good teacher and a good line coach.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached

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Church taking gifts for Christmas Child

Moldovan Baptist Church, 66 Bridge St., Agawam, will be among 5,000 U.S. dropoff locations collecting shoebox gifts for children overseas during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week, Nov. 12-19.

The Samaritan's Purse, a non-denominational evangelical Christian international relief organization, partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these charitable donations to children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine. For many of these children, it will be the first gift they have ever received.

Toys, school supplies and hygiene items may be dropped off at the church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12;

5-8 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 13-14; 10 a.m. to noon and 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17; 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

For more information on how to participate Operation Christmas Child, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ. Participants can donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, than finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

P.V. Symphony family passes now at library

The Pioneer Valley Symphony is now providing area public libraries with family passes good for free admission to PVS Orchestra concerts. These passes are like the museum and zoo passes at the library.

Each pass is good for two adults and two children (under 18), and may be checked out by an Agawam or Feeding Hills resident, 18 or older, with a card in good standing at the library, 750 Cooper

St., Agawam.

The PVS presents six concerts each season, including orchestra and chorus performances. This year, the PVS celebrates its 80th year of classical and contemporary music in the Pioneer Valley. Concerts are in Northampton and Greenfield.

Passes will be available for the November concert. For more information, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4.

St. David's set to host chicken parm supper

St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills will hold a chicken parmesan supper at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5. The menu will also include garden salad, rolls, vegeta-

bles, dessert and beverages.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 10 and free for children under 5. For reservations, call 413-786-6133 and leave a message.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 286 calls for service from Oct. 22 to Oct. 28, recording two arrests in its public log.

Monday, Oct. 22

Richard M. Settle, 46, of Strawberry Hill Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of liquor.

Friday, Oct. 26

Rachael J. Breault, 28, of New Lenox Road, Lenox, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer.

DEATH NOTICES

Bulmer, Paul J.

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Minihan, Donald E.

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OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$75, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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Seats still available on NYC coach bus

Tickets are still available for the Agawam Cultural Council's "Plan Your Own Day" bus trip to New York City on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The buses are scheduled to make five stops in Manhattan — the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center/Radio City, Times Square/TKTS, 34th Street (Macy's), and finally, South Street Seaport. Riders may elect to get off at any of these scheduled stops. A member of the Cultural Council will be available on the bus to help with information along the way.

Buses depart Doering School, formerly known as Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam, from the parking lot in the rear of the building at 7 a.m. sharp. Tickets are \$45 per person and available on a first-come basis as payments arrive; they cannot be reserved by phone.

Current ticket availability, updated as requests are processed, plus further details and a map to the departure point can be found at www.agawamcc.org. For questions not answered on the website, call 413-789-1201. This number is for information only. It is not available for ticket reservations.

The return trip will leave New York City at 6:15 p.m. and be back in Agawam between 9:30 and 10 p.m. To secure a seat, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check made out to "Agawam Cultural Council" to Agawam Cultural Council, 153 Anthony St., Agawam, MA 01001.

Property assessments available for inspection

The Agawam Assessor's Office has received notification of preliminary certification of its Fiscal 2019 Revaluation Program for real and personal property from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

The Bureau of Local Assessment conducted a statistical analysis and also reviewed representative samples of properties and determined that the Agawam Assessor's Office revaluation program and proposed assessments complied with state's requirements.

As part of the public disclosure process, the Assessor's Office has prepared lists of the proposed new assessments for fiscal 2019 for real estate and business personal property. The lists will be available for public inspection from Monday through Friday, Nov. 5-9, in each of the following locations:

Assessor's Office at Town Hall, 36 Main St., Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The lists are also available at www.agawam.ma.us.

The Assessor's Office encourages all property owners to review the proposed assessments. Contact the Assessor's Office at 413-786-0400, ext. 8700 or 8701, with any questions or concerns. Appointments can be made with the Assessor's Office for property review during, but not after, the disclosure period, Nov. 5-9.

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some potential drawbacks that could make them unsuitable for a new ECC.

According to Lemanski, the Cincotta property, which is listed for about \$700,000, includes 6.47 acres of land, but only 4 acres is dry enough to build on. A key factor for any new ECC is a site large enough not only for preschool classes, but for future expansion to accommodate a town-wide kindergarten.

"We have to determine if the Cincotta property will be large enough for a new ECC. If it isn't, then we can't use it," said the superintendent. Lemanski said the school architectural firm that has been working with school department on a new ECC will review whether or not 4 acres would be adequate for a preschool and a parking lot.

The two RPS sites, both of which also border the state park for which the school is named, could provide enough space to add kindergarten classrooms. One is at the rear of the school, near Shea Field and the dog park. The second is near the school parking lot.

Since both RPS sites are town-owned, there wouldn't be any additional cost to purchase the land. But preparing either of the two sites could be more expensive than buying a level piece of property, such as Cincotta Farms, that would need only minimal site preparation. Both RPS sites are heavily wooded, so major land clearing and site preparation would be required.

In addition, the site near the parking lot is heavily sloped, which would require additional expense to make it level. An access road from Begley Street to the proposed ECC would also need to be built.

The site at the rear of the school could use the existing access road from RPS to Maynard Street, but it might need to be widened to two lanes. Staggering start and dismissal times for the ECC and RPS



A second proposed Early Childhood Center site at Robinson Park School is at the rear of the school, near Shea Field and the dog park. The ECC (in red) could be expanded to include kindergarten classrooms (in blue). RPS is at the top right. SUBMITTED IMAGE

could help alleviate traffic congestion during student dropoff and pickup times.

Adding more traffic to the RPS neighborhood could be a drawback to either site, said Lemanski. The intersection of North, Maple and Springfield streets, known as O'Brien's Corner, is already one of the most heavily congested areas in town.

"We need to be cognizant of how a new ECC would affect traffic in any neighborhood where it's located," he added. "It's one thing if someone moves into a neighborhood where a school currently exists,

be a more desirable area for a new ECC than either of the two RPS sites. "The Feeding Hills area is more accessible, and having a new school wouldn't be as disruptive to surrounding neighborhoods," he said.

According to Lemanski, the desirability of the Feeding Hills area is why, in addition to the Cincotta property and the two RPS sites, the district is exploring other possible locations in that section of town.

City Councilor Paul Cavallo, a member of the committee, said a decision about building a new ECC needs to be made soon.

"We've got to get our ducks in a row. There's a different attitude on the council now — everybody's working together," said Cavallo, the former principal of Agawam High School. He added that he thinks councilors would approve funding for a new ECC if it came before them for a vote.

The current ECC on Perry Lane has been operating for nearly 25 years out of what was supposed to be a temporary facility. It became so overcrowded several years ago — despite an addition in 2000 — that some preschool classrooms were moved to Granger and Clark elementary schools.

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the dye is cast



Rylie Geogina, 6, of Agawam, excitedly runs through the last color before getting to the finish line of the Phelps PTO Fun Run Color-athon at School Street Park on Oct. 21. PHOTOS BY ADRIANNE JOHNSON



Above, Emma Commee, 4, Devyn Murphy, 4, Kalli Comee, 7, and Taylor Murphy, 7, enjoy being covered in dye together at the PTO fundraiser. At left, participating runners pose next to the finish line at the Phelps School color run. In addition to paying a registration fee, participants asked for sponsorships to raise money for PTO enrichment programs and events.

At right, Ryan, 8, winds up, about to cover father Jason Kirk of Agawam with color powder.

Below right, Kyle and daughter Devyn Murphy, 4, of Agawam, proudly finish the color run full of color and smiles.

Below left, Maria Koutroubila shows off her color-full clothing.



Above left, Adeline Riga-Frogameni, 6, of Agawam, strikes a pose at the finish line.

Above right, Jen and daughter Morgan Knox, 5, of Agawam, participate in the fun run.

At left, Jacob Gonzalez, 12, and Cordelia McGill, 11, are proudly covered in blue after finishing the color run.



Pasta dinner to aid veterans' wreaths

The Agawam Lions Club, in partnership with the Agawam Veterans Council, the Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge of Masons, and the students and staff of the Roberta Doering School, will hold a pasta dinner fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 3, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, to benefit the Wreaths Across America program.

Tickets are \$15, the cost of a wreath, and 100 percent of proceeds will be used to purchase wreaths to be placed in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door or by contacting Anthony Leroux at 413-426-5632 or Richard Lanier at 413-335-5436.

Those that would like to support this initiative but cannot attend may mail monetary donations to the Agawam Lions Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 52, Agawam, MA 01001, Attn: Wreaths Across America.

The wreath-laying ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the cemetery, at 1390 Main St., Agawam. For more information on the ceremony or to volunteer, search for "Wreaths Across America — Agawam Massachusetts" on Facebook.com.

St. John bazaar will see Santa Claus this month

St. John the Evangelist Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, in the Parish Center at 833 Main St., Agawam.

Christmas items, attic treasures, baked goods, knitted articles, books, can-

dy, Guild items, jewelry and more will be available for purchase. The event will also include a basket raffle and snack bar. Santa will visit from 9 to 11 a.m. Parking is free and the building is handicap accessible. All are welcome.

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is currently zoned residential and can accommodate 10 single-family homes; the opposite side is zoned industrial and would be divided into three industrial lots if not rezoned for residences.

According to Paleologopoulos, about 10 abutters attended the public hearing on Thursday, Oct. 18. Concerns focused around increased traffic, the potential risk of children playing in the streets and larger delivery vehicles using a connecting way to traverse from Doane Avenue to Aspenwood.

"They understand, with the current plan, the industrial use and the proposed houses would impact their quiet, and formerly dead-end, street," Paleologopoulos explained. "They are opposed to the zone change to residential in that the negative impact would be exacerbated by more houses and the traffic associated. Some expressed opposition to the entire project, citing the impact to their property and quality of life."

MacNaughton said traffic will not be an issue and that there will be posted signage marking the connecting road as one-way, do-not-enter. The town's Police Department, Fire Department, and Engineering Department will review traffic plans if the development proceeds. Paleologopoulos agreed with MacNaughton's assessment of the traffic situation.

"Our belief is traffic on Doane Avenue will not see a noticeable increase as a consequence of Aspenwood's development," he

said.

"It will be available for emergency access, but not for regular, everyday traffic," MacNaughton said. "There really won't be any additional traffic to Doane Avenue. It will still pretty much function the way it is now."

MacNaughton has been discussing the planned development since July 19. His next step is to appear before the City Council on Wednesday, Nov. 7, for another public hearing. The City Council will make the final decision on the zone change based on all the information and issues that have arisen during the Planning Board's portion of the process.

After its decision, MacNaughton must submit a definitive subdivision plan, which will include all the information about the proposed development — including how many units and the size of the units — to proceed towards construction. Planning has been on hold while the zoning change is resolved.

"We don't know yet if it's going to be part residential or part industrial or all residential," MacNaughton said.

In July, he said he would proceed with development of the current residential zone regardless of whether the industrial land is rezoned to residential.

The definitive plan will also require an approval and public hearing process by the Planning Board. Paleologopoulos said he expects that process to take multiple meetings to complete.

MacNaughton purchased the property in 2006 and requested a similar zone change, unsuccessfully, in 2011.



A crowded trunk or Treat Halloween celebration was held Oct. 28 at Agawam Congregational Church. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hundreds trunk-or-treat at church

Last Sunday, Agawam Congregational Church held its annual trunk-or-treat. More than 200 children in costume came to collect their treats and enjoy fresh popcorn, hot cocoa and crafts. The Oct. 28 event was the church's biggest trunk-or-treat yet.

Church organizers thanked all

who donated nonperishable items to benefit the Loaves and Fishes ministry. Very special thanks were offered to the Agawam Police Department, King Ward Coach Lines, Mary Ann's School of Dance, the DADS group and the many other participants who decorated their car trunks in

different themes and passed out treats. The church also thanked the many volunteers who made the event possible.

Trunk contest winners were King Ward Coach Lines, Kids Choice; Elizabeth Kovalsky, Most Creative; and Geoffrey Cushing, Funniest Trunk.



Harro and Maria Rays, neighbors of Agawam Congregational Church, were also first-timers at the annual event. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Jack, Jenny and Kent Burgess stand with their Halloween car trunk in the Congregational Church parking lot on Main Street. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Above, the King Ward haunted bus won the Kids Choice award. SUBMITTED PHOTO

At left, Lesley Young, back left, and Janet Brown, director of family ministries at Agawam Congregational Church, get some assistance from Madelyn and Jaxon Brown of Southwick, preparing popcorn treats. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ROBERTA PAGE



Abigail, John and Elizabeth Kovalsky of Agawam pose in front of their "Jurassic" trunk, one of 17 vehicles "dressed to the nines" for this year's event, vying for various awards chosen by those in attendance. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ROBERTA PAGE



The Agawam Police Department participated in the event for the first time this year. Officer William Pierson, whose grandmother Corinne Pierson is a member of the church, was on hand to pass out treats. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ROBERTA PAGE

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY



Emma Thomson reaches out to grab a loose ball during Agawam's 1-1 tie against Longmeadow on Oct. 22. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Brooke Szafran, who scored the Brownies' tying goal against Longmeadow, tries to send a pass backwards.



Szafran goal earns draw with Lancers

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Anytime you can pick up a draw against a team, that's a point toward your playoff standings.

But when you pick up a tie against Longmeadow field hockey, it's a huge accomplishment. The Brownies became the second team in Western Massachusetts to play the Lancers to a

draw last Monday night as they finished in a 1-1 heat at the end of 60 minutes. Agawam played its best game of the season in that matchup against Longmeadow.

The first half featured great play by both sides, but it was Agawam's defense that really did an excellent job preventing Longmeadow from

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GIRLS SOCCER



Eleni Mastromatteo winds up to clear the ball away.



Emily DeGeorge gets a header on the ball.



Mia Kelley chases hard after a 50-50 ball.

Offense struggles in loss to Comp



CHICOPEE — Last Monday night, the Agawam High School girls soccer team was looking to get back on track following a loss at West Springfield. But Chicopee Comp was hungry and looking to secure a playoff spot, scoring a 2-0 win against the visitors on the turf at Chicopee Comprehensive High School. Agawam and Comp tied 1-1 earlier in the season.

At right, Mackenzie Shean makes her way up the field during Agawam's loss to Chicopee Comprehensive on Oct. 22. At left, Natalie Pullen tries to move past a Comp player after taking possession of the ball. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



FOOTBALL

Central shows 'D' no mercy

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Since returning to the AA Conference, it has been a heavy struggle for the Agawam High School football team, which has not had a winning season since 2016. Even with that winning season, the Brownies were not able to make tournament.

Agawam lost big to Central High School last Friday night 71-7.

The Brownies have always struggled against the Golden Eagles, which are largely considered at another level when it comes to high school football.

Last Friday night was no different. In fact, the Golden Eagles pushed across seven touchdowns in just the first quarter.

Even with all that scoring, Agawam did manage to score their only touchdown of the game in that frame.

In that one drive, Vinny Castro managed to find Dan Dobrowolski for a five-yard touchdown reception. It was the only score of the game for the Brownies, which found its offense just about shut down for the rest of the game.

Castro's only other major gainer was a 55-yard pass to Parker Drake that went for a big gain. The Brownies were even worse on the ground, with Thomas Caracciola managing just 24 yards. The rest of Agawam's running backs had negative yardage by the end of the game.

Castro would finish the game 5-for-12 passing for 71 yards. He threw three interceptions as Central's defense did an excellent job keeping him contained.

Central acted quickly and had a 14-0 lead before 1:30 had elapsed in the game. Quarterback Isaac Boston connected on a 67-yard pass for a touchdown on the opening drive. When Agawam received the ball, Central made a fumble recovery on Agawam's first offensive play. Cen-

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getting its usual pressure on goal.

That was not to say that Nikki Bates was not busy in goal. She would finish the game with 12 saves, including a few occasions with multiple saves on penalty corners.

Longmeadow is not a turf team, but plenty of road games on turf and a multitude of playoff experience makes the Lancers feel right at home on the turf. The Lancers had plenty of hard hits and hard shots on goal.

The Lancers managed to break through and get on the scoreboard during a transition play early in the second half. Ashley Barron was credited with the goal and Longmeadow had a 1-0 lead.

Agawam had played excellent up to that point, but the Brownies showed real character not bowing down and letting Longmeadow keep the momentum.

Agawam kept plugging away, and with about 16 minutes remaining, Emily Oliver and Brooke Szafran would combine and

squeezed one through to stun the Lancers and tie the score 1-1.

Both teams fought the remainder of the game to try and grab a go-ahead goal, but neither were able to break through again.

"It was probably our best effort of the year," said coach Karen Gomez.

And the huge effort came at an important time as the regular season was coming to a close. Agawam is headed for tournament, and a rematch against Longmeadow is not out of the question.

The Brownies have to go back to Oct. 27, 2015, for the last time they scored against Longmeadow. However, the goal meant very little as it came during a 6-1 loss on the road.

It was Longmeadow's first time on Agawam's turf since last season, when a scheduling fluke led to the Western Massachusetts Division 1 championship game being held at Agawam although the Brownies were the underdog No. 3 seed against top-seeded Longmeadow. The Lancers took that game 4-0.

At right, Nikki Bates guards the Agawam end line as the ball crosses from a Longmeadow shot.

Below, Izzy Li-quori sends the ball into the circle during the Agawam-Longmeadow game on Oct. 22. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Western Mass. champs



The Agawam High School golf team poses for a photo shortly after winning the Western Massachusetts Division 1 championship last week at Westover Golf Course. The Brownies edged Longmeadow with a team score of 332 to Longmeadow's 333. The Brownies competed in the state golf championship earlier this week. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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tral scored quickly after that to have the two-touch-down lead.

The Agawam touch-down did not come until after Central had tacked on two more scores, and the score stood 29-7 at that point. Central would tack on two more before the first quarter ended.

Up 43-7, the Golden Eagles didn't stop, but went on some longer drives, tallying only twice to go up 56-7 at halftime.

Agawam continued to struggle on both sides of the ball, though the offense

slowed down in the first half, with Agawam holding Central to only 15 second half points.

With the defeat, Agawam dropped to 1-7 for the year. The Brownies were winless in the AA Conference this year and now face non-playoff competition in Weeks 9 and 10. First up, Agawam has been paired with Northampton on the road at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2.

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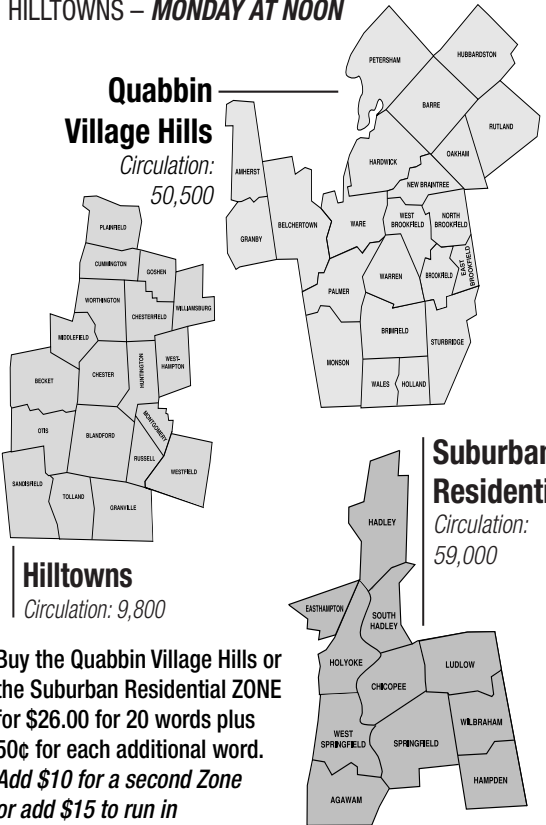
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The Agawam Assessor's Office has received notification of Preliminary Certification of its Fiscal Year 2019 Revaluation Program for real and personal property from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The Bureau of Local Assessment conducted a statistical analysis and also reviewed representative samples of properties and determined that the Agawam Assessor's Office revaluation program and proposed assessments complied with the State's requirements.

As part of the Public Disclosure process, the Assessor's Office has prepared lists of the proposed new assessments for Fiscal Year 2019 for real estate and business personal property. The lists will be available for public inspection from Monday November 5th through Friday November 9th in each of the following locations:

- Assessor's Office, 36 Main St., Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.
- Senior Center, 954 Main St., Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
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The lists are also available on the Town's Website at www.agawam.ma.us

The Assessor's Office encourages all property owners to review the proposed assessments. Please contact the Assessor's Office at 413-786-0400 Ext. 8700 or 8701, if you have any questions or concerns. Appointments can be made with the Assessor's Office for property review during, but not after, the disclosure period. (November 5th - November 9th). 11/01/18

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FORMAL
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Betty Knapik** of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order

and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Betty Knapik** of Feeding Hills, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/19/2018.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon.
Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2018
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
11/01/18

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper St., Agawam, MA on **Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.** for all parties interested in the appeal of Optimum Parts Company, who are seeking a Special Permit as allowed under Chapter 180-55 (B18) of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances for the manufacturing of plastics, at the premises identified as 104 S. Ramah Circle.

Doreen A. Prouty
Chairperson
Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
10/25, 11/01/18

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts**

**The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD18P2037EA**

**Estate of:
Charles B. Parker, Sr.
Also Known As:
Charles Berchman Parker
and Charles Berchman
Parker, Sr.
Date of Death:
September 16, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Laura P. Young** of Enfield CT, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Laura P. Young of Enfield CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 11/01/18

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, November 19, 2018, at 7:00 pm**, in the auditorium at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA to consider the adoption of a Residential Tax Factor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on October 11, 2018.

The Resolution (TR-2018-91) is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. It is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

**BY ORDER OF:
Christopher C. Johnson**
President of the City Council
11/01, 11/08/18

How to submit legal notices

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law demands.
Thank you.**

Our Town

Marine commissioned as 'mustang'



QUANTICO, Va. — Colin Murray recently graduated from Marine Corps Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va.

He is the son of Ernest and Patricia Graziano of Feeding Hills.

Murray is a veteran of the Iraq War, having served eight years as an enlisted Marine, attaining the rank of sergeant. He was commissioned on March 17 as a "mustang" second lieutenant. Having successfully completed the basic school, he now heads to Communication Officer School in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Church welcomes new congregant



On Sunday, Oct. 21, Bernard Melvin "Mel" Crosby, 91, right, joined Agawam Congregational Church as its newest member. Congregants were led by church Deacon Caroline Bassett and the Rev. Gregory Dawson, left, as he was invited to affirm his faith and baptism and then welcomed into the company of the local congregation. A resident of West Springfield, Crosby was sponsored by church members Sandi Forni, his daughter and an Agawam resident, and longtime friend and church member Roberta Page of West Springfield. SUBMITTED PHOTO



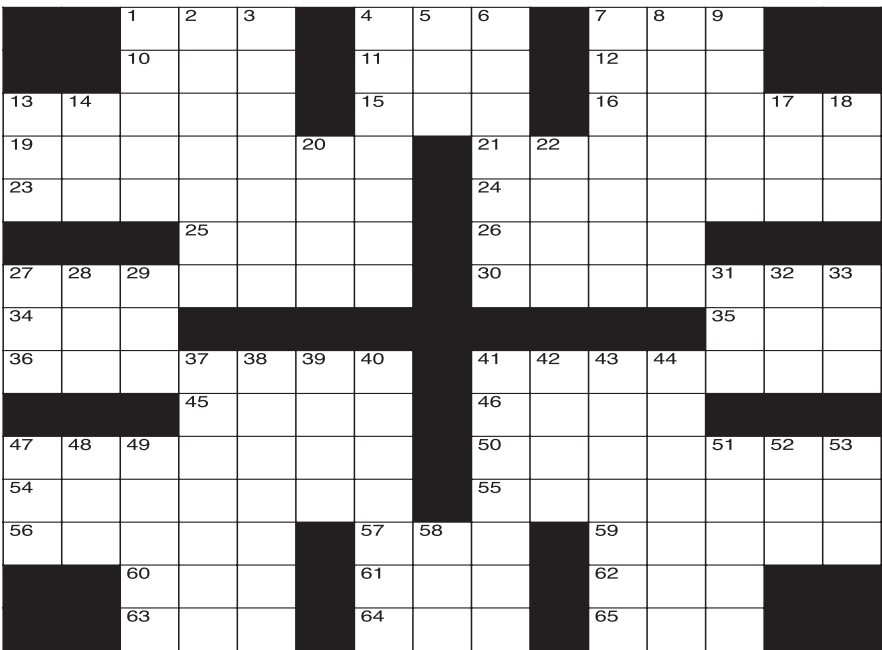
Tim Coughlen



Dee Cyr

F.H. residents top agents at Park Square

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty and manager of the Park Square West Springfield office, announced the office's top producing agents for the third quarter of this year. They are Tim Coughlen and Dee Cyr of Feeding Hills, and Erica Herbert. Park Square Realty is a locally owned company with 53 agents and two locations in West Springfield and Westfield. For more information, call 413-737-3600 or visit parksquarerealty.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- Expresses weights (abbr.)
- Pounds per square inch
- Central Time
- One who speaks for others
- Aussie TV station
- Swiss river
- A way to improve
- Awesome!
- Appeal to
- Satisfy
- The Emerald Isle
- Quick passages
- Love of humankind
- Fleshy beak covering
- Type of sword
- Basketball stat
- Makes unhappy
- The Princess can feel it

CLUES DOWN

- Sharp mountain ridge
- Types of lenses
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- Small giveaways
- "MASH" actor
- Gould
- A type of habitat
- Refined delicacy
- Inflection of the voice
- Follow orders
- Discharge
- Of the stars
- Briefly place into
- Present in all living cells (abbr.)
- Take illegally by force
- Genus of moth
- Midway between east and southeast
- Bashful
- French river

Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation, and contact information.

Friday, Nov. 2

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., from 6-8 p.m. to celebrate Agawam's cultural diversity, sample food and learn about traditions from around the globe. Cosponsored by the Agawam Family and Community Program.

Saturday, Nov. 3

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND CRAFT FAIR at Heritage Hall Campus, with entrances at 462 Main St. and 55 Cooper St., Agawam. Over 60 vendors in all five buildings on the campus. Admission is free and lunch is available.

Monday, Nov. 5

CHICKEN PARMESAN SUPPER at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, at 6 p.m. will include garden salad, rolls, vegetables, dessert and beverages. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 10 and free for children under 5. For reservations, call 413-786-6133 and leave a message.

Thursday, Nov. 8

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Exhibition on Screen: Degas: Passion for Perfection," a documentary film presentation, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Nov. 10

BAZAAR AT CHURCH OF REDEMPTION, 50 Maple St.,

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 5: Baked crust fish, hash brown, buttered spinach, fresh apple.
Tuesday, Nov. 6: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, confetti corn, birthday cake.
Wednesday, Nov. 7: Tomato rice soup, tuna sandwich, Caesar salad, pudding.
Thursday, Nov. 8: Roast pork loin, gravy, roasted potatoes and carrots, applesauce, fruited Jell-O.
Friday, Nov. 9: Shepherd's pie, garden salad, fruit cocktail.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Nov. 5: 8:15 a.m., yoga; 8:30 a.m., weight training; 9:45 a.m., line dancing; 10 a.m., manicure with Melissa; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 2 p.m., ballroom dance with Richie Mitnick; 3:30 p.m., senior theater group rehearsal; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; 6-8 p.m., crafty card class.
Tuesday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m., open knitting group, new exercise of the session; noon, ladies only billiards,

canasta; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Something New"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., yoga with Loretta; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.
Wednesday, Nov. 7: free hearing check with Gary from New Ears Affordable Hearing Care; 8:15 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 8:30 a.m., weight training; 9:30 a.m., crochet class with Mark (bring crochet hooks and yarn); 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11:15 a.m., tai chi Qigong; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2; 5:30 p.m., Zumba; 6:30 p.m., Western Mass Genealogy meeting.
Thursday, Nov. 8: 9:30-11:30 a.m., memory screening with the Atrium (full); 10 a.m., line dancing; 10:30 a.m., Reiki with Carlene; 12:15 p.m., bridge; 12:30 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 1 p.m., pitch, free blood pressure check with Nurse Sherry; 1:30 p.m., writing group; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 4 p.m., Yoga with Loretta; 6:30 p.m., pitch.
Friday, Nov. 9: 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., Let's Paint; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., card games.

Agawam, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will include local artisans and vendors offering items such homemade soaps and body scrubs, jewelry, floral arrangements, handmade greeting cards, wreaths and more. The church is handicap accessible and admission is free.

Sunday, Nov. 11

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. at Mittineague Congregational Church, 1840 Westfield St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is

welcome.

AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS AND ARTISANS meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., with guest speaker Kimberly Caruso-Poley. All are welcome to this free event.

Thursday, Nov. 15

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Working Nine to Five," featuring Julia Courtney, independent curator, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Nov. 17

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam, from 9 a.m. to 2

p.m. will feature Christmas items, attic treasures, baked goods, knitted articles, books, candy, Guild items, jewelry and more. Santa will visit from 9-11 a.m. Free parking. Building is handicap accessible. All are welcome.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will include craft vendors, a bake sale, raffles, homemade soups and sandwiches for lunch and children's activities. Admission is free and all are invited.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with over 50 tables of goods for sale. Lunch and baked goods available for purchase. Handicap accessible on the upper level.

ONGOING

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers a free "Crochet Club" the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are invited to join, including men and women and beginners to experienced crocheters. Drop-ins welcome. Hooks and yarn available if needed. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the Peirce Conference Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

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It doesn't matter where they're from, I want to stay in touch with them."

Alkan connected with Michelle Connery, the outreach coordinator for the Agawam Family and Community Program, through the weekly English as a second language class held on Tuesdays. Connery has been working towards a multicultural event since last year's community needs assessment identified more than 20 different languages and cultures are represented in the school system.

"There are people in our community that don't recognize that. It's definitely a growing population," Connery said. "The school systems are definitely recognizing that. I think it's something that's fluctuating, but it is interesting."

The event will fill the community room of the Agawam Public Library with about a dozen different families from different countries including Lebanon, Portugal, Russia, Turkey and more. Residents can come learn about the different traditions and cultures from the families and enjoy a variety of different cuisines as well.

"We're hoping families will come, ask questions. It'll just make for an atmosphere of comfort, questions and sharing," Connery said. "I think it's a great idea, I think it's a great concept and I really do think families will benefit from it. It should be a lot of fun."

The festival is one of a variety of different programs the Family and Community Program does throughout the year. Funded by a grant through the state Department of Early Education and Care, there are weekly play groups, a community fair and parent-child date night throughout the year. This is the first time a multicultural festival is being hosted.

"I'm attending programs,

we're doing the ESL class here with Michelle. I'm busy every day," Alkan said. "Agawam has really great community programs, it's keeping me every day busy. I want to let people know what they're doing here. Michelle is doing really good stuff."

Alkan has two children — a daughter in first grade and a son in seventh — in the school system and is pleased with how teachers have been adapting to the different cultures that appear in the classroom.

"When our Children's Day in Turkey is April 23 and my daughter told my teacher, they celebrated in the classroom because it was Children's Day in Turkey," she said. "They're really open. They do a really great job. They're helping kids."

Connery explained one of the important reasons to learn about the different cultures in the schools is to understand how cultural difference can impact families. She explained that aspects of everyday life that U.S. natives take for granted can be literally a foreign experience for newcomers.

"From a parent perspective, I think there's a lot of these cultural challenges in how school is viewed," she explained. "In some cultures, parents have free access into the school buildings, so the fact that we have to be buzzed in — for safety reasons, obviously — even that sounds so simple to you and I, but that's definitely a cultural difference. Some of it is things like that."

Drop on by the Community Room in the library between 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2, to learn about some of the many cultures present in town, make new friends and enjoy some delicious new treats.

The event is sponsored by the Agawam Family and Community Program in conjunction with the library. For more information or questions, contact Connery at 413-821-0597 or mconnery@agawamed.org.



Mary Hurley



Mike Franco



Nicholas Boldyga



Forrest Bradford



Marie Angelides



Cheryl Coakley-Rivera

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statewide ballot questions.

U.S. senator: Elizabeth Warren, D-Cambridge, incumbent; Geoff Diehl, R-Whitman; Shiva Ayyadurai, independent from Belmont.

U.S. representative: Richard Neal, D-Springfield, incumbent, unopposed.

Governor: Charlie Baker, R-Swampscott (on a ticket with Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, R-Shrewsbury), incumbent; and Jay Gonzalez, D-Needham (with running mate Quentin Palfrey, D-Weston).

Attorney general: Maura Healey, D-Boston, incumbent; James McMahon III, R-Bourne.

Secretary of state: William Francis Galvin, D-Boston, incumbent; Anthony Amore, R-Swampscott; Juan Sanchez Jr., Green-Rainbow from Holyoke.

Treasurer: Deborah Goldberg, D-Brookline, incumbent; Keiko Orrall, R-Lakeville; Jamie Guerin, Green-Rainbow from

Northampton.

Auditor: Suzanne Bump, D-Easton, incumbent; Helen Brady, R-Concord; Daniel Fishman, Libertarian from Beverly; Edward Stamas, Green-Rainbow from Northampton.

Governor's councilor: Mary Hurley, D-East Longmeadow, incumbent; Mike Franco, independent from Holyoke.

State senator: Donald Humason Jr., R-Westfield, incumbent, unopposed.

State representative: Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, incumbent; Forrest Bradford, D-Agawam.

Clerk of courts: Laura Gentile, D-Springfield, incumbent, unopposed.

District attorney: Anthony Gulluni, D-Springfield, incumbent, unopposed.

Register of deeds: Marie Angelides, R-Longmeadow; Cheryl Coakley-Rivera, D-Springfield.

Terms of office are two years for congressman, governor's councilor, state senator and state

Where to vote

Polls in Agawam are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Each precinct votes in one of Agawam's schools, which will not have classes on Tuesday.

Precinct 1: Robinson Park School, 65 Begley St., Agawam

Precinct 2: Clifford Granger School, 31 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills

Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St., Agawam

Precinct 4: Roberta Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam

Precinct 5: Benjamin Phelps School, 689 Main St., Agawam

Precincts 6 and 8: James Clark School, 65 Oxford St., Agawam

Precinct 7: Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
Residents may check their voter status and find their assigned polling place at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>.

Chamber event at McDonald House

SPRINGFIELD — The Ronald McDonald House, 34 Chapin Terrace, Springfield, will host an After 5 Networking Night with the Springfield Regional Chamber and West of the River Chamber on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event offers an opportunity for business professionals to gather and network while supporting the Ronald McDonald House and having the opportunity to tour the house. Reservations are \$10 for members, and free with an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required and may be made online in advance at www.springfieldregionalchamber.com or events@springfieldregionalchamber.com.



Agawam Junior Women's Club member Janine Iacolo, right, was awarded the Memorial Education Fellowship in Education at ceremonies held May 5 at the Westford Regency Inn. Club member Kathy Mouneimneh was among those on hand to offer congratulations. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Women's Club member gains scholarship for her doctorate

At the GFWC Annual Conference Scholarship luncheon at the Westford Regency Inn on May 5, Janine Iacolo was awarded the Memorial Education Fellowship in Education. Iacolo is pursuing a doctorate at American International College in educational leadership and supervision.

Iacolo has been a member of the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club since 2006. The General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service, was founded 128 years ago and has more than 80,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia and

more than a dozen countries.

Iacolo has been involved with many club projects, including chairman of the Springfield Boys and Girls Club Festival of Trees, Bingo for Books, Holiday Baskets, scholarship chairman and more. She has also been a volunteer with Relay for Life of Agawam since its inception in 2012. Under her leadership as committee chairperson for six of the seven years, Relay for Life of Agawam has raised approximately \$400,000 for cancer research.

Iacolo lives in Feeding Hills and works full-time as an educational team facilitator for the Special Services Department of Agawam public schools.

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